GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:186
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2002
ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FOODGRAINS
DILEEP SANGHANI;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have sought additional allocation of foodgrains from Union Government to supply to all the ration card holders identified as BPL families by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have supplied the additional foodgrains to these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government are considering to cover all the BPL ration card holders under the TPDS; and

(f) if so, the time by which the left out BPL families would be included under this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.186 DUE FOR ANS ON 15-03-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram andTamil Nadu and the Union territory of Pondicherry have sought additional allocation of foodgrains for distribution to all the ration card holders identified by them as BPL.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e)&(f): Statewise number of BPL families was initially based on the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 adopting the methodology of the Expert Group onEstimation of Proportion and Number of Poor applied to the population projections of 1995. With effect from 1.12.2000, the base was shifted to the population projections of the Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000, thereby increasing the total number of BPL families from596.23 lakh to 652.03 lakh at the National level. There is no proposal to change this basis.